



SYNOPSIS

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 23, 2015

HB 1160 Delegate Luedtke

STATE RACING COMMISSION – EMPLOYEES OF LICENSEES – REPEAL OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT

Repealing specified provisions of law that require 85% of individuals employed by a person licensed by the State Racing Commission to hold a race meeting to be citizens of the United States who have maintained a permanent place of residence in the State for at least the 2 years immediately before being employed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BR, § 11-320 - repealed

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1161 Delegate Krimm, et al

ETHAN SAYLOR CENTER FOR SELF-ADVOCATES AS EDUCATORS

Establishing the Ethan Saylor Center for Self-Advocates as Educators as an independent unit of State government; establishing the purpose of the Center; providing for the location and staffing of the Center; requiring the Center to develop and update a specified 3-year plan to establish community inclusion training priorities and goals; establishing the Governing Board of the Center; requiring the Board to report annually to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 15 on the activities and progress of the Center; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HU, §§ 7-501 through 7-505 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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HB 1162 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING – APPLICATION OF BOND PROCEEDS**

Authorizing Washington County to use the proceeds from the issuance of specified bonds for specified purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EC, § 12-207(f) - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1163 Delegate Glenn, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – MARYLAND TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

Requiring the Office of the Attorney General to include on the Web site of the Office's Division of Consumer Protection an explanation of a consumer's rights under the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act and a link to the Federal Trade Commission's National Do Not Call Registry Web site where consumers may register a telephone number, verify a registration, and submit a complaint.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, § 14-3201.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1164 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Expanding a specified property tax credit for specified business entities in Washington County to include specified business entities that invest at least \$10,000,000 for capital improvements of specified real property and create 100 new and permanent full-time positions in Washington County; providing for the amount and duration of the property tax credit; making conforming changes; and providing for the application of the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 9-323(f) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1165 Delegate Conaway, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – NORTH AVENUE GATEWAY II**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the North Avenue Gateway II Limited Partnership for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the North Avenue Gateway II building, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1166 Delegate Davis**PUBLIC UTILITIES – TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW – MODERNIZATION**

Providing that a telephone company is not required to file with the Public Service Commission a specified tariff schedule except under specified circumstances; limiting the types of services for which a telephone company may not establish a new rate under specified circumstances; allowing a telephone company to discontinue or abandon a specified service under specified circumstances; providing that a prior authorization is not required for specified transactions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, §§ 4-202, 4-203, 5-103, 5-202, 5-203, and 6-101 - amended and § 8-502 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1167 Delegate Kipke**STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS AND PRACTICE LOCATION REQUIREMENT REPEAL**

Altering the definition of “beauty salon” to include a specified mobile beauty salon; requiring an applicant for a specified beauty salon permit to lease or own the motor vehicle or trailer in which a specified mobile beauty salon is located for which a specified application is made; repealing specified provisions of law that prohibit a person from practicing cosmetology, providing esthetic services, providing hair services, or providing nail technician services in specified locations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, §§ 5-101 and 5-502 - amended and § 5-605 - repealed

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1168 Delegate McConkey, et al**REAL PROPERTY – FORECLOSURE – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – PREFILE MEDIATION**

Making it mandatory, rather than discretionary, for a secured party to offer prefile mediation to a mortgagor or grantor before filing an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on specified residential property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, § 7-105.1(c), (d), and (e) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1169 Delegate Parrott**NATURAL RESOURCES – BLACK FLY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL – WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a program to control the spread of black flies in the State; requiring that the program be implemented initially on specified property in Washington County; requiring the Department, in conjunction with the Department of Entomology in the University of Maryland, to conduct the program in a specified manner; authorizing the Department to accept, use, or expend any aid, gift, or grant made available from any private or public source to implement the program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, §§ 8-2201 through 8-2205 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1170 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTION – ANNUAL REPORTS**

Altering the due date, from September 1 to November 1, of specified annual reports on the county hotel rental tax revenue distribution; repealing specified reporting requirements relating to the County hotel rental tax revenue; requiring the Washington County Commissioners to post a specified report on the hotel rental tax revenue on the County's Web site; requiring the Hagerstown–Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau to report to the County Commissioners on its use of the hotel rental tax revenue; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LG, § 20-421 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1171 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED VETERANS**

Authorizing the governing body of Washington County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified residential property owned by specified disabled veterans of active military, naval, or air service; providing for the amount of the property tax credit; requiring specified disabled veterans or surviving spouses to provide specified documents when applying for the property tax credit under the Act; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 9-323(g) - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1172 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – PROVIDERS – LICENSES

Requiring a person to be licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene before the person may provide services to an individual with a developmental disability or a recipient of individual support services; repealing the authority of the Developmental Disabilities Administration to license specified persons to provide specified services; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations; requiring the Department to conduct a specified investigation; authorizing the Department to impose specified sanctions; etc.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 7-903 through 7-907, 7-909, and 7-910 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1173 Delegate Hammen

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM – GRANT APPLICATION

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply to the federal Department of Health and Human Services for a planning grant to have the State selected as a demonstration state for the establishment of certified community behavior health clinics under specified provision of federal law.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1174 Delegate Jacobs, et al

KENT COUNTY – FISHERIES – USE OF HAUL SEINES

Authorizing in Kent County a person to catch gizzard shad, also known as mud shad, under specified circumstances with a haul seine during the period from Friday midnight until sunrise on Monday; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, § 4-713 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1175 Delegate Walker**EDUCATION – CONCUSSION IMPACT SENSOR PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Concussion Impact Sensor Pilot Program; requiring the State Department of Education to develop and implement the Program in collaboration with specified entities; requiring specified circumstances to be met before the Program can be implemented; requiring each board of education to choose one high school football team to participate in the Program and to provide specified team members with a concussion impact sensor; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-433.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1176 Delegates Knotts and Luedtke**HARNESS RACING – PURSES – DEDUCTIONS PAID TO AN ORGANIZATION**

Requiring that an organization representing a majority of standardbred owners and trainers set an amount not less than 1% but not more than 2% to be deducted from all open purses to be paid to the organization.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

BR, § 11-607 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1177 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – TAX SALES – LIMITED AUCTION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES PG 425–15**

Requiring the tax collector in Prince George's County to conduct a specified limited auction prior to conducting a public auction for property subject to tax liens; specifying the individuals who may participate in a limited auction; requiring specified individuals authorized to place bids at the limited auction to be residents of Prince George's County; requiring the tax collector to include the date, time, and location of a limited auction in specified notices; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TP, §§ 14-817 and 14-833(c) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1178 Delegate Lafferty**RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – EXEMPTION – PURCHASE MONEY MORTGAGE OR PURCHASE MONEY DEED OF TRUST**

Exempting from the recordation tax and State transfer tax a purchase money mortgage or purchase money deed of trust related to a transfer from a certified community development financial institution under specified circumstances; providing for the retroactive application of the Act; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

TP, § 12-108(ff) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1179 Delegate Beitzel**SPRINKLER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS – TENTS – EXEMPTION**

Providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a tent is not required to have a sprinkler system if the tent is not used for lodging, serviced by a public water system, and attached to or incorporated as part of a building that is required to have a sprinkler system; defining a specified term; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, § 9-204.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1180 Chair, Baltimore County Delegation (By Request – Baltimore County Orphans' Court)**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES – COMPENSATION**

Repealing provisions of law establishing the annual compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore County; requiring the annual compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore County to be as set by the County Executive and the County Council in accordance with specified provisions of the Baltimore County Code; applying the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 2-108(e) - repealed and added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1181 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT – USE OF RIFLES**

Authorizing an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit to use a specified rifle to harvest deer throughout the year in Frederick County, subject to specified conditions; authorizing an agent of a permittee to use a specified rifle to harvest deer in Frederick County throughout the year with a specified firearms exception and to harvest deer in a deer firearms season only by using the weapon approved for the season; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

NR, § 10-415(d) - amended and added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1182 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)**ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY**

Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue bonds in a total principal amount of \$17,000,000 to finance and refinance specified renewal projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1183 Delegate Knotts**REAL PROPERTY – CONTRACT FOR SALE OF NEW HOME**

Repealing an exception to the requirement that a contract for the initial sale of a new home be contingent on the purchaser obtaining a written commitment for a loan secured by the property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, § 14-117(j-1) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1184 Delegate Knotts**REAL PROPERTY – FORECLOSURE MORATORIUM AND STUDY
(FORECLOSURE RELIEF ACT OF 2015)**

Prohibiting a lender from maintaining an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property in the State for a specified period of time; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding specified foreclosure alternatives and report its findings to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2016; and providing for the termination of specified provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1185 Delegate Dumais**FAMILY LAW – APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE – RESIDENCY
REQUIREMENT**

Reducing from 1 year to 6 months the period of time, under specified circumstances, that a party to an application for divorce must reside in the State before the application may be filed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 7-101(a) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1186 Delegate Carter, et al**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM – NAME OF
VICTIM**

Expanding the scope and purpose of the Address Confidentiality Program for victims of domestic violence to include making the legal names of domestic violence victims confidential under specified circumstances; altering the contents of an application for participation in the Program; authorizing a Program participant to make a request to any State or local agency to use a substitute name designated by the Program participant as the Program participant's name; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, §§ 4-519 through 4-523 and 4-525 through 4-529 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1187 Delegates Carter and Anderson**PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS**

Prohibiting a supervisor, an appointing authority, and the head of a law enforcement agency from threatening or taking specified retaliatory actions against a specified law enforcement officer under specified circumstances; authorizing a law enforcement officer aggrieved by a specified violation of the Act to file a civil action against a specified law enforcement agency for specified relief; authorizing that, instead of specified relief, the law enforcement officer may seek specified statutory damages; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, §§ 3-801 through 3-806 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1188 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)**MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES**

Altering the definition of “police officer” and “law enforcement officer” under specified provisions of law to clarify that the terms include members of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services; clarifying the geographic area around specified multiservice centers over which the Department of General Services has jurisdiction and full police authority for the enforcement of specified laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, HG, PS, SF, SP, and TR, Various Sections - amended and HG, § 18-213.2(a)(8)(xi) - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1189 Delegate Sample–Hughes**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – DORCHESTER COUNTY –
CHESAPEAKE GROVE SENIOR HOUSING AND
INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Delmarva Community Services, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Chesapeake Grove Senior Housing and Intergenerational Center, located in Dorchester County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 20, 2015**HB 827 Delegate Hixson, et al****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAXES – WINE TAX REVENUE
DISTRIBUTION**

Distributing revenue from the excise tax on wine to the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

AG, § 2-1102(f) and TG, § 5-105 - amended

Reassigned to: Ways and Means

HB 948 Delegates Aumann and West**BALTIMORE COUNTY – VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, AND
AMBULANCE COMPANIES – FUNDING ALLOCATION**

Requiring that in Baltimore County, a specified allocation of money from the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund shall be determined by a two-thirds vote of specified individuals.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

PS, § 8-103(b) - amended

Reassigned to: Health and Government Operations